National surveillance programme for communicable diseases in Andhra Pradesh

2540. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some parts of Andhra Pradesh have been covered under the National Surveillance Programme for Communicable disease to control epidemic prone diseases;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Six districts of Andhra Pradesh have been covered under National Surveillance Programme for Communicable Diseases, namely:—

(1) East Godavri (2) Mahaboobnagar (3) Visakhapatnam (4) Medak (5) Guntur and (6) Cuddapa.

Lack of Indian patent laws

2541. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether lack of Indian Patent laws affects Multi-national Drug Companies adversely;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) its impact on investment on research for new drugs?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The factors affecting the performance of the individual multinational drug companies are not monitored by the Government of India.

TB among beedi workers

†2542. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.